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SUBJECT: UN PRESENTATION OF CHINESE STATISTICS

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1. USUN AND BANGKOK SHOULD MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES ON HOW
UN SYSTEM PLANS TO PRESENT STATISTICS IN FACE OF PEOPLE' S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA INSISTENCE THAT THERE BE NO MENTION OF
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) IN UN STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS.

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2. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT IN DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS (DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK OF 1971), STATISTICS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TAIWAN ARE COMBINED INTO ONE FIGURE UNDER " CHINA." FOR DEMOGRAPHERS THIS SUBMERGES INTERESTING STATISTICS OF TAIWAN, WHERE ONE OF MOST RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATIONS HAS SLOWED DOWN TO MORE NEARLY NORMAL RATE, INTO VERY LARGE POPULATION FIGURES OF MAINLAND CHINA, WHERE POPULATION ESTIMATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND VARY WITHIN A WIDE RANGE.

3. RECENT UN MONTHLY BULLETINS OF STATISTICS HAVE DROPPED TAIWAN ENTIRELY AND ALSO HAVE NO FIGURES OTHER THAN DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR " CHINA," SINCE THE PRC APPARENTLY IS NOT SUBMITTING ADEQUATE BASIC DATA. THE ECAFE STATISTICAL YEARBOOK--1971 HAS SOME NATIONAL PRC DATA, BUT THESE RECENT

DATA ARE NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY ECAFE REGIONAL STATISTICS APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MATCH UN DEFINITIONS. WHEN DOES UN EXPECT TO RECEIVE PRC STATISTICS?

4. WE ARE OF COURSE UNEASY ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF OMITTING TAIWAN STATISTICS AND THE RESULTING INCOMPLETENESS OF UN STATISTICS. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT, AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE MORE FACTS. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES COMMENTS. ROGERS

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